

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller

[Signature]

13 December 1965

1. [] who was the DCI Duty Officer over the weekend, reported to me on his four visits to the Operations Center: one after the morning briefing on Saturday, a second about 1400 hours on Saturday, a third about 1400 hours on Sunday, and a fourth about 2100 hours on Sunday. He detected no indication of any laxness whatever. On the contrary, everyone seemed to be on his toes. [] made several other interesting observations. First, the task forces are not manned over the weekend. Second, the Operations Center per se is open from 0500 hours to 1700 hours five days a week; otherwise, it is closed down. This raises the question of whether the Operations Center is an around-the-clock, seven-day-a-week operation. Third, [] observed that the SIDO's are relatively junior people. He recalled that Walt Elder, Hank Knoche, and their ilk were SIDO's when he was Director of OCI but doubted that the relatively junior people who are there now are quite as broad-gauged. (This may or may not be true, since Walt and Hank have certainly matured a great deal since they left OCI. They haven't always been the guys they are today!) In any case, I want to follow up on this matter with Jack Smith.

2. John Macy telephoned about [] entrance on duty date with the Agency. He hoped that we would agree to a little slippage and suggested that Ed enter on duty with us on 31 January 1966. I agreed and have so advised John Clarke.

3. Penelope Thunberg from the Tariff Commission called to inform me that they are considering [] for the position of Director of Administration and to solicit my comments. I was candid in saying that, while [] was very highly educated in the administrative field and I personally thought she had some ability, nevertheless, her service with us was something less than completely successful from her point of view as well as ours. I told Mrs. Thunberg that, on balance, I thought [] might do a good job in a small agency such as the Tariff Commission but that I would be less than candid if I did not at the same time qualify this statement with some slight reservation.

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